

Live in **EUROPE** as a **JCR** **AuPair**

Do you love children? Have you dreamed of spending a year in Europe? Now, while you are young and free?

As part of your education or while deciding what to do with your life you can make it happen, by living as part of an European host family for a whole year through JCR Intercultural childcare Programs. You'll help care for your host family's children in exchange for the rich experience of living as a treasured "big sister" or "big brother" in an European family.

What is a JCR Au Pair in the EUROPE?

Of course you know what it is to be an au pair! But living as an JCR au pair in the EUROPE is very different, and much more rewarding. As an JCR au pair, you live as a member of an European host family, sharing in the joys of family living. You become a special "international daughter", not a servant.

In exchange for between 25 and 45 hours of child care assistance you provide for your host family's children each week, you'll have your own furnished private bedroom and receive weekly pocket money. You'll have 2 weeks of vacation during the year, and at least 1 1/2 days free each week. You'll have time to spend as you choose, and the opportunity to learn a new language.

Live in Europe Safely and Legally with JCR

When you become an JCR au pair, you become a part of one of the most respected cultural exchange organizations in Europe and the world as JCR is a founder member of the Universal AuPair Association and has been providing aupair programs since 1992.

With JCR you have the security of being a legal au pair participant with a proper exchange visitor visa. Au pairs who are working in the EUROPE illegally can be arrested and expelled from Europe, without the opportunity to return. They often receive little money, and have no legal rights and no one to turn to for help. JCR offers safe and legal approach to becoming an au pair in Europe.

JCR au pairs soon recognize that JCR is dedicated to providing the best exchange experience for all program participants.

You and Your Host Parents

When you are placed with an JCR host family, you have the security of knowing they chose you out of all the au pairs available to them.

The best way to truly become involved in the culture of a foreign country is to live among its people as a member of a family. Every JCR au pair exchange participant does just that. Host families are carefully screened by JCR and consider it a privilege to welcome JCR au pairs into their home.

Your host family expects you to provide safe, loving, reliable childcare assistance for their children for between 25 and 45

hours each week. You may be responsible for bathing and feeding the children, playing games, making up the beds and straightening up the children's rooms. Your day may include being available to a sleeping child, helping with schoolwork, or driving the children to soccer or ballet practice. You won't be responsible for heavy housework, but you may prepare an occasional family meal, help clean up the dishes, or help with the family grocery shopping.

You and the Children

A lot happens in a child's life during a year. They grow physically, they develop in leaps. They triumph when they master something and they are sometimes sick and miserable. Everything to them has an intensity of the new and unknown and you are caught up in it. You become as excited as they when they manage their first steps or when they understand that words mean certain things.

To live with a child for a year is to become permanently attached. It is a deep rewarding feeling when you have become someone of trust and comfort to a child. They will come to you with all their joys and worries.



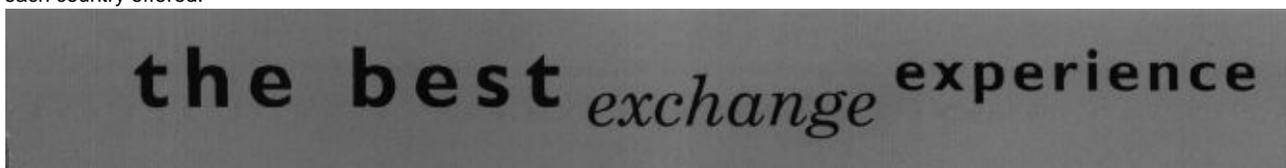
What it's like to be an JCR Au Pair in EUROPE

When you become an JCR au pair, you will:

- Have your own furnished bedroom in your host family's home.
- Be placed near a major city, close to colleges or other educational institutions,
- Receive weekly Pocket money.
- Have 2 weeks vacation, with pocket money. *) Subject to the norms in each country offered.

- Receive a legal visa, or work permit, which allows you to come and go freely to and from EUROPE.
- Complete medical, travel, personal liability and life insurance coverage.
- Be given a JCR Handbook
- Be able to travel and explore EUROPE.

- Spend a year in Europe legally,
- Attending classes that will help you learn another language learn about European culture with European students.
- Choosing the departure month that's best for you.
- Immediate placement with a carefully selected JCR host family.



The JCR Handbook

Having enough information and preparation will help make your JCR Year more rewarding and successful. Before you leave for Europe, you will

receive a JCR Handbook full of useful information on adjusting to a new culture, getting to know your host family, recognizing and appreciating cultural

differences, and getting the most from your program year

Becoming a JCR Au Pair in the EUROPE

Do you love children? Are you eager to spend an enriching year abroad? Do you want to experience authentic European life as a trusted "big sister or brother" in your host family? Would you like to make lifelong friends abroad?

You may be accepted by JCR if you

- Are mature and responsible.
- Enjoy children age's 3 months to 13 years, and have at least 200 hours experience in caring for children (baby-sitting, etc.).
- Enjoy helping children grow and develop, and are willing to enrich the lives of your host family by sharing your culture and traditions.
- Are a dedicated person who is willing to make a 1-year commitment to experience European culture by living as a member of an European family, and providing up to 45 hours of child care each week
- Have completed at least the educational equivalent of a European high school diploma (10 years).
- Are conversant in English.
- Are in good health.
- Are energetic and enthusiastic.
- Are a non-smoker

How to Apply to the JCR Program

It's easy to apply. Simply, complete and return the Pre-Application form below. We will then contact you with all details and arrange for a personal interview.

COUNTRIES OFFERED

| Country | Age | Pocket money | Hours per week |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------|----------------|
| Belgium | 18 - 26 | E 360 pr mth | 30 |
| France | 18 - 30 | E 350 pr mth | 35 |
| Denmark/ Sweden | 18 - 26 | E 80 – 120 pr week | 30 |
| Germany | 18 - 24 | E 260 pr mth | 35 |
| Netherlands | 18 - 25 | E 350 pr mth | 30 |
| Greece | 18 - 40 | E 500 pr month | 45 |
| United Kingdom Child Minder | 17 - 26 | UKP 80 - 110 per week | 35 |
| United Kingdom Mother's Help | 20 - 30 | UKP 150 - 200 per week | 45 |
| Austria | 18 - 26 | E 260 pr mth | 30 |
| Australia | 18 – 29 | Aus \$ 200 per week | 45 |
| America | 18 – 26 | See separate brochure | 45 |

After You Are Accepted

If JCR accepts you, your application packet will be sent to JCR in Europe, where it will be presented to host families that have been screened by JCR, just as you have. Often, the family will choose an au pair with similar interests and hobbies, or the au pair may just "sound right".

In most cases, placement occurs quickly. When you have been placed with your host family, JCR will process your visa and work permit application and arrange for your travel from your home

country to your homestay community. During this time, you can begin writing letters to your host family, so they can start getting to know you.

Departure Months

With JCR, you choose the time when you are available to travel.

Complete and return to your home office -see addresses below

Pre-Application form - Europe

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| Name | | | | | |
| | last | first | | middle | |
| Address | | | | | |
| Street / postal box | | | | | |
| post code | | city | | | |
| Home phone | Mobile | Email | | | |
| Easiest time to reach me | | | | | |
| Date of birth | | | Citizenship | | |
| Earliest month I can depart | | | Latest month I can depart | | |
| Countries interested in | | | | | |
| Present occupation | | | | | |
| Drivers license | yes | | | no | |
| European language spoken | Language | fluent | | good | fair |
| How did you hear about EUROPE –JCR Intercultural Exchange programs | | | | | |
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| Experience with children | | | | | |
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| Please send a brochure to my friend | | | USA | | Europe |
| name | | | | | |
| | last | first | middle | | |
| Phone | | | Email | | |
| Street / postal address | | | | | |
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| Post code | | City | | | |

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